

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A vehicle flag holder for mounting in a vehicle rear hitch receiver comprising:

at least one flagpole receiver having a first upward-opening pole receiving portion and a tongue mount portion having such cross section as to be received within the vehicle hitch receiver and removably secured therein;

said tongue mount portion having a distal end and a proximate end, said distal end being receivable within the vehicle hitch receiver, said pole receiving portion being attached to and extending outward from said proximate end of said tongue mount portion;

said pole receiving portion having opposed vertical sidewalls defining corresponding aligned pivot pin receiving bores located at respective lower portions thereof and further defining corresponding respective upright positioning bores located at respective upper portions thereof and vertically spaced from said pivot pin receiving bores;

an elongated flagpole extending upwardly from said pole receiving portion, said flagpole having a lower end portion defining a pivot pin throughbore and a pole positioning throughbore spaced upward from said pivot pin throughbore;

a pivot pin extending through said pivot pin receiving bores and said pole pivot throughbore for rearward pivotal mounting of said flagpole to said pole receiving portion; and

a securing pin removably mounted in and extending through said upright positioning bores and said pole positioning throughbore.

2. The vehicle flag holder of claim 1, wherein said tongue insert portion of said pole receiver is rectangular in cross section and of such size as to slidably fit within the hitch receiver, said tongue insert portion defining at least one laterally extending receiving bores for removably receiving a receiver pin for removably securing said vehicle flag holder to the hitch receiver.

3. The vehicle flag holder of claim 2, said opposed vertical sidewalls of said pole receiving portion further defining respective corresponding aligned angled positioning bores spaced rearwardly from said upright position bores, said

angled positioning bores and said pole positioning throughbore removably receiving said securing pin such that said flagpole is mountable at an upward, rearward angle relative to the vehicle.

4. The vehicle flag holder of claim 3, further comprising an angled end wall mounted between said sidewalls at the respective ends thereof, said angle end wall extending at said upward, rearward angle relative to the vehicle so as to provide support for said flagpole when mounted at said angle.

5. The vehicle flag holder of claim 4, wherein said upward, rearward angle is about 45 degrees from vertical.

6. The vehicle flag holder of claim 4, wherein said flagpole has a rounded lower end and is rotatable on said pivot pin between a vertical position and said upward, rearward angle and alternatively securable at said vertical position and at a position extending at said upward, rearward angle by said securing pin.

7. The vehicle flag holder of claim 6, wherein said securing pin is a snap lock securing pin having a detent.

8. The vehicle flag holder of claim 2, wherein said hitch receiver is one of a 1 1/4" or 2" receiver for a type II, IV, or

V trailer hitch and said tongue insert portion is of such sized as to slideably fit within a respective one of the hitch receivers.

9. The vehicle flag holder of claim 1, wherein said flagpole is approximately 4 to 6 feet in length.

10. The vehicle flag holder of claim 4, further comprising at least a second pole receiver portion, said tongue insert portion comprising a single inner tongue portion, two outer tongue portions and a cross beam having opposing ends and extending laterally along the rear of the vehicle and having a central point attached to said single inner tongue portion, said outer tongue portions being attached to and extending rearwardly from said opposing ends of said cross beam;

said vehicle flag holder further comprising a second pole receiving portion, said first pole receiving portion being attached to and extending rearward from one of said outer tongue portions and said second pole receiving portion being attached to and extending rearward of the other of said outer tongue portions; and

a first and a second flagpole removably mounted in said first and second pole receiving portions, respectively.

11. The vehicle flag holder of claim 10, wherein said upward, rearward angle is about 45 degrees from vertical.

12. The vehicle flag holder of claim 10, wherein said flagpole has a rounded lower end and is rotatable on said pivot pin between a vertical position and said upward, rearward angle and alternatively securable at said vertical position and a position extending at said upward, rearward angle by said securing pin.

13. The vehicle flag holder of claim 12, wherein said securing pin is a snap lock securing pin having a detent.

14. The vehicle flag holder of claim 10, wherein there are a plurality of said pole receivers located along said cross beam supporting an equal plurality of flagpoles.

15. The vehicle flag holder of claim 4, said vehicle having a bumper hitch mount for mounting a hitch ball, said tongue insert portion defining a vertically oriented bumper mount bore spaced outward from said distal end, and further comprising a hitch mount bolt removably extending through said bumper mount bore and the bumper hitch mount of the vehicle.

16. The vehicle flag holder of claim 10, said vehicle having a bumper hitch mount for mounting a hitch ball, said tongue insert portion defining a vertically oriented bumper mount bore spaced outward from said distal end, and further comprising a hitch mount bolt removably extending through said bumper mount bore and the bumper hitch mount of the vehicle.

17. The vehicle flag holder of claim 1, further comprising a flag mounted on said flagpole.

18. The vehicle flag holder of claim 10, further comprising a flag mounted on each said flagpole.

19. The vehicle flag holder of claim 1, wherein said flagpole is made of composite material so as to allow flexing in high winds.